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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No.

" (b) The total number of existing tanks is 242 of which 33 are major irrigation sources and the remaining 209 are minor irrigation sources. The number of big tanks that require immediate repairs is 17 and that of small tanks is 60. The approximate cost of repairs is estimated at about Rs. 10,000 for a source.

Construction of houses under the Co-operative Housing Schemes in Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 720 Q.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct houses in Vriddhachalam taluk under the Co-operative Housing Schemes ; and

(b) if so, when the work will be commenced?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Rural reconstruction work in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot.

* 721 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) what are the areas selected under the Rural Reconstruction Scheme in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district ;

(b) the progress of work under the scheme in the year 1952 ; and

(c) the amount spent during that year under the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Thirteen villages of Kurinjipadi and 21 villages of Kullanchavadi firkas were selected under the Rural Welfare Scheme.

" (b) & (c) As the scheme was inaugurated only on 2nd October 1952 and as the survey work was completed by the end of 1952, no substatnial amount was spent before the end of the year."

Daily rate for hiring the power roller for metalling the roads.

* 722 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what was the previous rate of daily hire of the power roller to set the metals on the road and what is the present rate ; and

(b) when this change was made and for what reasons?